

SUGGESTS METHOD TO PREVENT AUTO THEFTS

Federal Registration Plan Is Opposed by A. A. A. as "Monstrosity."

[By Associated Press.] WASHINGTON, May 11.—The bill, designed to prevent the wholesale theft of automobiles by requiring the stamping of a Federal registration number on the engine and body of each car, for which the owner would pay \$2, was advocated and opposed today before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Hiram C. Todd, United States Attorney for the northern district of New York, told the committee the first essential to checking the theft of cars was a means of easy identification, which could not be changed.

"The horse thief was the menace of the cattlemen of the West in the early days," said Mr. Todd, "but he has ceased his depredations; why? They branded their animals so they could identify them and then strong men would not steal them, as they caught him." We can follow this excellent example by branding our cars with a permanent Federal number, and although we cannot stop the automobile thief, we can see that the severe punishment provided by statute and imposed by the courts."

H. M. Bow, of Baltimore, representing the American Automobile Association, declared the bill was a monstrosity, and that was a revenue measure which should not be considered since owners now are paying the State and Federal governments about \$110,000,000 a year.

BETHLEHEM TAKES OVER LACKAWANNA

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To induce the Lackawanna company to accept their terms.

George E. Downs, president of the Lackawanna, was one of the party of independent executives on board the "millionaire's special," which returned to this city yesterday after a ten-day's inspection of the physical properties of the various plants.

Independent Merger.

Directors of the Bethlehem and Lackawanna Companies will hold meetings in their respective offices next Tuesday to confirm the merger, which is regarded as a foregone conclusion. On the same day the executives of the independent companies will meet with representatives of Kuhn, Loeb & Company, bankers, to arrange the financing of the independent merger, which will involve an exchange of securities and cash and the formation of a new company or the enlargement of one of the existing companies.

Mr. Grace in a talk with news-papers declared that the Lackawanna purchase has absolutely no connection with the independent merger, and he likewise denied the report that the Bethlehem Corporation, after absorbing the Lackawanna, would unite with the others mentioned in the seven company combination. He explained that the Bethlehem Corporation felt that its proper sphere of development lay in the East, and that it had no thought of going West. In this connection he mentioned that discussions and correspondence had been entered into last fall for the acquisition by the Bethlehem Company of the Inland Steel Company, of Chicago, but that the Project was dropped because of the uneconomic feature of its location in the West.

SIEVERS TO MAKE STATUE OF MAURY

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against 100 chairs for the exercises incident to the laying of the foundation of the memorial, and the selection of four statues.

General Horatio L. Pease, of the United States Navy, showed the association yesterday a plan chart of the North Atlantic, published by the national government. It bore the date of April, 1922. He delighted those present by calling attention to an inscription at the top of the sheet. From the hydrographic office goes Maury's name in Maury credit for having furnished the groundwork, as it were, of the map. Especially pleasing was this information to those who remembered that in the years the national government ignored the hydrographer. Federal officials would not even mention his name, much less give credit for his work.

Lieutenant Pease, during the war, was stationed upon the destroyers Davis. He told how difficult it was to supply oil at sea. Upon one occasion, after making a chart of the North Atlantic, thanks to Maury's labor, enabled the vessel to find a calm spot where oil could be transferred with comparatively little trouble.

Douglas Makes Talk.

Mrs. James H. Weston, daughter of the Congressman, followed Lieutenant Pease, and gave two incidents of her father's life. The talk emphasized his courage under fire.

Upon motion of Jessie H. Bishop, all officers of the association were reelected. Mrs. E. H. Stoddard, president of the organization, other officers were: Vice-president, Mrs. John S. Southall; Miss Lucy Miford; Mrs. P. Cheshire Jones; Mrs. Cecatur Astor; and Mrs. Mann S. Valentine, records; Secretary, Mrs. Beverly T. Stinson; Corresponding Secretary, Gaston L. Jackson; and treasurer, Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson.

DEVICE ELIMINATES BUZZING IN RADIO

Attaches Wireless Sets Directly to Lighting Wires Through Socket.

[By Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, May 11.—A means of eliminating the buzzing in radios and operating the wireless sets by attaching them directly to lighting wires through an ordinary socket instead of using expensive storage batteries has been perfected by B. F. Mieffer, a government expert during the war, he announced today.

The radio is attached to an 110 volt alternating current through the ordinary light socket, Mr. Mieffer said.

In place of rectifiers and filters now used in attempts to eliminate the hum, Mr. Mieffer uses a balancing device. The electric current in the light wires is stepped down to six volts.

"THE LAND OF JOY" ATTRACTS HUGE AUDIENCE TO STRAND

Musical Fantasy, Given for the Benefit of Sheltering Arms Hospital, Delights Large Crowd—Two More Performances, With Matinee Tomorrow.

[By John George Harris.]

Presenting a musical fantasy aptly called "The Land of Joy," pupils of the "Tray-Hoy Studio" starred, individually and collectively, at the Strand last night. Equating any of the productions previously given by the Misses Traynor and Boyer, last night's play met with unanimous favor from an audience which filled the Strand. It is presented for the benefit of Sheltering Arms Hospital.

Written, staged, costumed and created by this talented pair of artists, "The Land of Joy" is nothing less than a superlative production. In costuming, it excels anything we have seen here. For the high quality of its presentation, extravagance of its production, the artistry, from the little bits up to the experienced enterprisers who furnished vocal numbers of considerable merit.

A perfect riot of color was seen in the Fairy Palace, which made up Scene 2. Fairies in white, witches in black, birds in red, gray, green, yellow and blue formed a dazzling stage picture. The keepers of the dragons, the mermaids, the fairies and many others kept the stage in a constantly changing color scheme. The costumes were furnished by Thalheimer Brothers.

The theme of the play is the journey of the boy, Youth, through the Road of Happiness to the "Land of Joy." Youth loves the Statue, who is restored to life by the Fairy Queen. The Statue and the Boy visit Japan, where content comes to a

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NAME RYLAND OFFICER OF OLD DOMINION TRUST

S. Young Tyree Made Manager of Branch at Broad and Harrison.

William S. Ryland, vice-president and cashier of the National State and City Bank, has been elected vice-president of the Old Dominion Trust Company, recently acquired by the National State and City Bank interests. Announcement of Mr. Ryland's election was made yesterday afternoon, and at the same time, it was announced that S. Young Tyree, assistant cashier of the National State and City Bank, had been made manager of the trust company's branch at the corner of Broad and Harrison Streets.

With the exception of four months as assistant cashier in a New York bank, Mr. Ryland has been with the bank continuously for fourteen years, and during that time has served in every clerical and official position from runner to vice-president. When elected to a vice-presidency in May, 1919, he was 26 years old, one of the youngest men in the United States holding a position of such importance in a bank as large as the National State and City Bank. He was born in Florida, but his parents were both originally from King and Queen County, Va.

Mr. Tyree was appointed assistant cashier in January 1920. He was born in Florida and received his education in the schools of this city. He entered the employ of the bank in January, 1913, and has had experience in every department. As assistant cashier he has been in charge of work pertaining to corresponding banks.

Huff Farm Inspected.

The special committee on farms yesterday afternoon, accompanied by members of the Finance and Utilities Committee, visited the Huff farm, about three miles north of town, and reviewed this property, which is the largest farm in the county. The farm has an area of 250 acres, with attractive offerings. The special committee was accompanied by members of the city government, Directors Saville, Levy and Acting Director Sherry, accompanied by the City Engineer. The Special Committee will tomorrow inspect a farm on the Telegraph Road, about nine miles from the city.

Death of Hart by Blast on Ship.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 11.—One was burned to death and eleven were injured or burned in an explosion today on the steamship Hull, launched at Pier 7 of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The dead man is Edward Hart, of Brooklyn.

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HINES, POLICE SLAYER, SENTENCED TOMORROW

Judge Wells to Pronounce 15-Year Penalty on Murderer of Curtis.

Format sentence will be passed tomorrow morning on Walter Hines, convicted slayer of Patrolman Washington L. Curtis. Hines will be arraigned before Judge Ernest H. Wells of Hustings Court, Part II, at 10 o'clock, when the fifteen-year penalty will be pronounced. He was convicted in January of murder committed in August last.

The whole production is planned with great care, and the particular features displaying much genius in creation. One of the best of these is the dance entitled "War," groups representing Belgium in peace, the Germans, the French, the English, and finally the Americans, successively entering the picture. In its conclusion it is working out, this feature stands as the most original and creditable single feature of the production.

The lighting was splendidly done.

The music, played by an orchestra led by Jay Bondine, with Mrs. Nellie Bondine, soloist, at the piano, was excellent throughout.

Miss Taylor directed the dancers at the orchestra pit so well that the entire section moved like clock-work.

A perusal of the extensive program discloses the names of performers who are already quite famous in the field. So large a cast of actors is not often seen on the Strand or any other stage except the Hippodrome. Every one in the cast sang or danced, even the lampshades stepping down from the cabaret tables to join in the festivities.

Two more evening performances follow, with matinee Saturday.

PETERSBURG GAS CO. SEEKS RATE INCREASE

State Corporation Commission Concludes Hearing of Application.

UTILITY TO FILE Brief.

Hearings on the application of the Petersburg Gas Company for increased rates were finished yesterday by the State Corporation Commission. The company was given ten days in which to file a brief and the city of Petersburg will then have ten days in which to reply.

A revised valuation of its property was made by the company at the final hearing. Based on the cost of production as of April, 1922, the company claims that its property is worth \$45,000, which is \$6,000 less than the valuation claimed in a former hearing, which was based on the average cost for a five-year period. The city claims that the company's property is worth only \$35,000.

The gas company is now charging 11 cents per thousand feet, but will have to return the difference between that amount and \$1.75, the rate fixed by the commission providing its former ruling is upheld. The company appealed to the State Supreme Court of Appeals from the decision and the case was remanded for a rehearing.

ASK MORE MONEY FOR NAVAL CONSTRUCTION

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Construction work on naval ships will be materially slowed down after July 1, unless more money is provided by Congress, the Senate Appropriations Committee, revising the naval appropriation bill passed by the House, was told today by Secretary of War, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt and Rear-Admiral Taylor, construction chief.

A minimum increase of \$10,000,000 over the \$44,000,000 provided by the House for construction and ordnance was asked of the Senate committee. Even if the \$10,000,000 should be granted, Admiral Taylor said, work on many vessels could proceed only by extending off-contract, taking advantage of contract clause for deferred payments for their work.

Completion during the next year of the battleships Colorado and West Virginia and of thirty submarines, \$18,000,000-\$4,000,000 short, Admiral Taylor told the committee. They will be said to have been delayed by Congress not granting more funds by securing credit from contractors.

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HOSPITALS OF RICHMOND KEEP 'OPEN HOUSE' TODAY

National Observance Honors Memory of Nurse Florence Nightingale.

Every hospital in this city will keep "open house" throughout in celebration of "National Hospital Day" commemorating the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, founder of modern training schools for nurses. Superintendents, staff nurses and students will conduct visitors through the buildings and at Stuart Circle Hospital tea will be served to 250 visitors.

Predece R. Morick, of Memorial Hospital for Virginia by the National Hospital Day Committee, and he has associated with him in making the event a success Miss Rose Van Vort.

of Stuart Circle Hospital, president of the State League of Nursing Education.

FLAPPER IS SPANNED AFTER BOBBING HAIR

BY United News]

NEW YORK, May 13.—When the modern dapper daughter, who believes in defiance of external decorum,

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long hair and spanking, there's bound to be a riot. Anyway, that's what the neighbors of the Vandore family thought was going on so they called the police.

The three coppers arrived just as Father Vandore finished spanking Frances, age 17, for bobbing her hair in defiance of external decorum.

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